Dear Joan, 4/25/01

I keep convoluted hours and I do not know your schedule so this hasty response.

You do not identify which picture but I think you are talking about the one outside the main door of the old IPM with two men close to the center. The one who is mocking Oswald with his body motions is a Japanese who had an office in that building. His name is Ihara. The other, as I recall with grey hair, is John Alice (Ah Lee) who also was officed there. They were both, as I recall, in the import-export business.

With regard to Escalante, when I read the book the wild Brazilian woman wrote supposedly about the JFK assassination, based on what he provided, I wondered immediately how Castro managed to survive that kind of intelligence. Nothing was real. He actually knows nothing about the JFK assassination. I was surprised at this but that is his record.

It has nothing to do with his actual work and I wonder from time to time if he was intending to mislead and misinform but I see no need for that. My unsolicited advice is not to use anything from him without confirmation.

And in that avoid libel possibilities.

Hope you do come down soon. If you do may I suggest that you tape it and then, in the end, give that tape to Hood, where all my books and almost all my recrds are in what will be a permanent archive. They will, in time, make the formal announcement and until then please do not spread the word and make extra work for them

Best,

Harold